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1. Czechoslovakia

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[REDACTED] Broadcasts from Prague continue to report that Soviet troops are leaving, but give the impression that the withdrawals will take several days.

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There is still no word out of the Communist summit meeting in Poland. Brezhnev, Kosygin, and Podgorny were joined in Warsaw yesterday by top-level delegations from East Germany, Poland, Hungary and Bulgaria. The Poles, East Germans and Bulgarians in their party dailies have already backed the Pravda attack of last Thursday on the Czechs. The Hungarians, however, are apparently advocating somewhat more restraint.

In a move which could be a sign that the tension is lifting a bit, the Soviets announced this morning that their defense minister, Marshal Grechko, is leaving today for an official visit to Algeria.

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2. France

The second French nuclear test in the current series did not come off Saturday

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3. Middle East - Africa

The locus situation is now beginning to reach crisis proportions.

Major swarms have accumulated in Saudi Arabia and Eastern Africa. Ethiopia and the Sudan are so far the most heavily hit countries in Africa, and some swarms have already moved into Iran and Pakistan.

Crop damage will unquestionably be extensive if strong countermeasures are not taken soon. The countries involved, however, are generally unequipped to handle the problem.

4. Bolivia

On Saturday, in his first press conference since returning home, President Barrientos was frank and to the point. He said that the US has serious problems of its own and therefore has a lessened capacity to help Bolivia. He added that since the Communist countries are likewise not going to assist, the Bolivians must work out their problems for themselves.

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- 1.) Special Daily Report on North Vietnam
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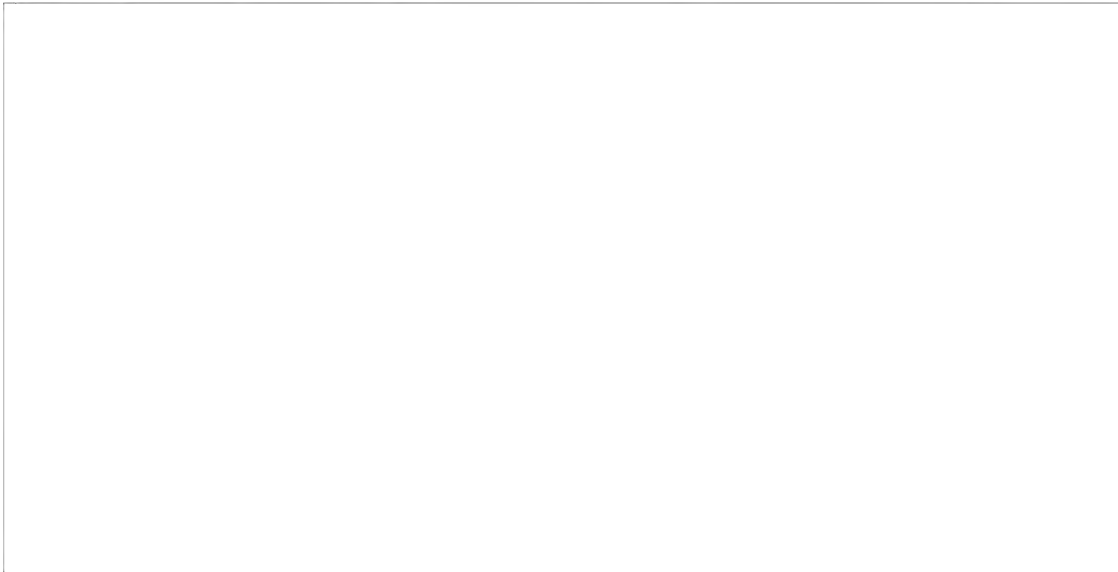
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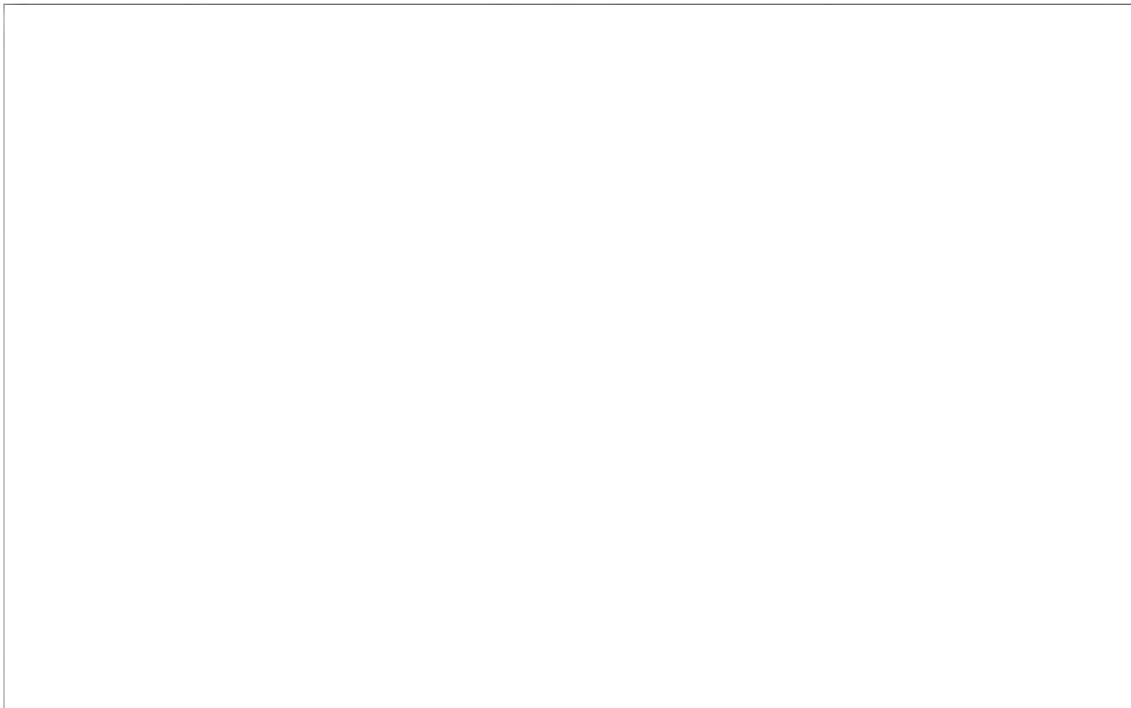
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I. NOTES ON THE SITUATION



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II. NORTH VIETNAMESE REFLECTIONS OF US POLITICAL
ATTITUDES ON THE WAR

There is nothing of significance to report today.

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